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SUBJECT: COFFEE: VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL

AMERICAN RETENTION SCHEME

REF: STATE 273072

- 1. ON DECEMBER 6 WE MAILED THREE DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM GON SOURCE TO O'DONNELL, EB/ICD/TRP, NAMELY: (A) ACUERDOS DE LA REUNION DE LOS PAISES LATINOAMERICANOS PRODUCTORES DE CAFE CELEBRADA EN CARACAS, DEL 15 AL 17 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1974; (B) PROYECTO DE SISTEMA DE RETENCION PARA 1974/75; (C) PROYECTO DE ESTATUTOS DE CAFES SUAVES CENTRALES, S.A. DE C.V.
- 2. DECUMENT 1(A) APPEARS TO BE THE SAME AS THE ONE QUOTED IN DEPTEL; 1(B) IS A DESCRIPTION OF RETENTION SCHEME OF INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION; AND 1(C) IS 41-PAGE DRAFT CHARTER OF PROPOSED COFFEE ORGANIZATION OF MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA.
- 3. NICARAGUAN COFFEE PRODUCERS ARE OPPOSED TO RETENTION SCHEME PARTLY BECAUSE THE BAD EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST OF SUCH SCHEMES AND PARTLY BECAUSE IT WILL DIRECTLY COST THEM MONEY (RECEIVING ONLY 50 PERCENT OF VALUE OF THEIR COFFEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BELIEVING THEY WILL THEMSELVES HAVE TO CARRY THE

DIFFERENCE ON COFFEE WHICH DETERIORATES IN STORAGE). THEY DOUBT WHETHER THE SCHEME WOULD RAISE PRICES SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE LOSSES ON RETAINED COFFEE. AS REPORTED IN OTHER CABLES, IT IS PROBABLE THAT NICARAGUA WILL TRY TO STAY OUT OF THE SCHEME UNLESS ENORMOUS PRESSURES ARE EXERTED BY PROMOTERS OF SYSTEM. SHELTON

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